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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For (title): FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A REPROCESSOR

1. Type of Application

This application is for an original (non-provisional).

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2. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application
 - 17 Page(s) of Specification
 - 5 Page(s) of Claims
 - 4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- 3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
- l Page(s) of abstract

3. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed and executed by the inventors.

4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

5. Language

English

6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to STERIS Inc. is attached. A separate FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

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Total Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))	Number Filed Number			umber I	Extra Rate				Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$750.00		
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Independent Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b))	4	-	3	=	1	x	\$	84.00	=	\$	84.00
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Filing Fee Calculation

\$924.00

8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee \$924.00

Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)

\$40.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$964.00

9. Method of Payment of Fees

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